

House File 644 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 446)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring issuance of hunter safety and ethics education
2 certificates to residents who are peace officers, active
3 duty military personnel, or honorably discharged veterans.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.27, subsection 5, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. An officer of the department or a certified instructor
4 may issue a certificate to a person who has not completed
5 the hunter safety and ethics education course but meets
6 the criteria established by the commission. However, the
7 department shall issue a certificate to a resident who is a
8 peace officer, a person who is on active duty with the armed
9 forces of the United States, or a United States military
10 veteran discharged under honorable conditions who requests
11 the certificate within one year after the date of discharge.
12 For purposes of this subsection, "peace officer" means those
13 officers designated under section 801.4, subsection 11,
14 paragraphs "a", "b", "c", "f", "g", and "h".

15 Sec. 2. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY. Notwithstanding the
16 requirements contained in section 1 of this Act, a resident
17 who was discharged from United States military service under
18 honorable conditions before July 1, 2011, shall be issued a
19 hunter safety and ethics certificate as provided in section
20 1 of this Act if the certificate is requested before July 1,
21 2012.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that the department of natural resources
24 shall issue a hunter safety and ethics certificate to residents
25 who are peace officers, on active duty with the armed forces of
26 the United States, or are honorably discharged United States
27 military veterans who request the certificate within one year
28 after the date of discharge. Military veterans who were
29 discharged prior to the effective date of the bill on July 1,
30 2011, also have a year to request the certificate.

31 For purposes of the bill, peace officers include sheriffs
32 and their deputies, marshals and police officers of cities,
33 peace officer members of the department of public safety,
34 special security officers employed by the board of regents,
35 certain conservation officers, and certain employees of the

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1 department of transportation.